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SUBJ: BLUE BELL OF PORTUGAL SITUATION REPORT

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1. EMBASSY OFFICER TALKED TO BLUE BELL (BB) GENERAL MANAGER ON OCTOBER 29. HE APPEARED TO BE MORE OPTIMISTIC THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE LABOR PROBLEMS BEGAN. THE PLANT IS OPERATING AT MORE THAN 85 PER CENT EFFICIENCY AND BRUSSELS REGIONAL OFFICE IS HOLDING BACK ON ANY CLOSURE DECISION. THEY HAVE, HOWEVER, REDUCED SIZE AND TYPE OF ORDERS TO BB WHICH LEAVES PLANT WITH SOME EXCESS WORKERS.

2. REASON FOR OPTIMISM IS THAT PLANT LABOR COMMISSION HAS GIVEN UP, FOR THE MOMENT AT LEAST, ON ITS DEMAND THAT THEY PAY SYSTEM BE COMPLETEDLY OVERHAULED (THIS WAS MOST SERIOUS OUTSTANDING ISSUE). THIS DECISION WAS, ACCORDING TO BB MANAGER, THE RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN COMMISSION AND LABOR MINISTER WHO TOLD COMMISSION TO STOP CAUSING PROBLEMS AND POSTPONE PAY SYSTEMS ISSUE UNTIL
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LATER WHEN THERE IS A PERMANENT GOVERNMENT. HE

REPORTEDLY ALSO TOLD COMMISSION THAT THEIR ACTIONS
WERE THREATENING TO DRIVE BB OUT OF PORTUGAL
WHICH IS NOT IN COUNTRY'S INTEREST. MINISTER,
ACCORDING TO BB MANAGER, IS NOW VERY CONCERNED
ABOUT BB'S CONTINUED OPERATIONS IN PORTUGAL.
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